

WELCOME

Organizing Newcomer Orientation Programs

2007 OCASI Professional Development Conference

October 17 to 19, 2007, Geneva Park

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Presenter: Agnes Manasan, BSW, RSW

WORKSHOP OUTCOMES

At the end of the session, participants shall have been able to:

- Share each other's experiences in organizing orientation sessions for newcomers.
- Learn organizational strategies used to plan and initiate successful newcomer orientation workshops for both adults and youth.
- Understand how relationships with government, agency staff and resources and volunteers lead to building partnerships, developing orientation services and expanding outreach.
- Explore non-traditional sources of funds for orientation sessions and other community development programs.

Filipino Newcomers Orientation Program

Main Features to Remember

- Program
- Structure
- Topics and topics selection
- Logistics
- Additional support
- Promotion and Outreach



Filipino Newcomers Orientation

- Program Description:

- Two-days workshop (1999 to 2002) evolved into a One-day workshop (2003 to present)
- Two separate workshops: for adults, and for teens
- Multiple topics: healthcare, education, job search, community programs, caregiver issues, access to trades and professions, Police services, immigration, Philippine government assistance to nationals, Managing change and transitions, criminal justice system, Workers Rights, others.
- Childcare provided
- Lunch and snacks provided
- Store-front display of resource materials from various agencies
- Free Legal Clinic for Live-in Caregivers provided

Promotion and Outreach

Community mobilization/ development

- Organize a phone brigade to telephone newcomers and old clients
- Solicit assistance of former participants to invite newcomers
- Network with agencies and community associations
- Encourage partners and co-sponsors to invite their members/clients

Publicity

- Prepare a distribution list of clients in the email address book
- Issue a press release for local newspapers, radio and TV
- Prepare and distribute flyers, posters and other hand-outs
- Advertise in settlement.org, agency websites, and others



Non-traditional funding sources

- Community-based groups
- Churches
- Corporate sponsors
- Private individual donors

Post-workshop activities



- Follow-up / Keep in touch with newcomers
- Maintain an email distribution list of clients
- Organize a newcomers support network
- Invite support network to help/volunteer in organizing future workshops



Sample Adult Agenda

22nd NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION PROGRAM For Filipino Immigrants, Contract Workers & their Dependents

Nov.19, 2005 (Saturday), 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall, 2565 Bathurst St., Toronto (North of Eglinton)

ADULT WORKSHOP

Morning Session

8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:10	Welcome Remarks	Jules Misa, BLD leader
9:10 - 9:30	Introduction & Agenda	Agnes Manasan, CCSYR
9:30 - 10:10	Access to Education & Training	Lolita Bruneau, YCDSB
10:10-10:50	Common Scams, Organized Crime & How the Police can Help You	P.C. Doug Ord, Toronto Police
10:50-11:30	Criminal Justice System	Atty. Bayani Abesamis
11:30 – 12:00	Philippine Consular Services	Vice-Consul Indhira Banares
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	

Afternoon Session

1:00 – 1:40	Where to go for Social & Community services	Rose Bustamante, First Language Assessor, YCDSB
2:00-2:30	Programs for Contract Workers	Rolando Rico Olalia
2:30 - 3:10	Employment Standards	Faisal Bhabha
3:10 – 3:40	Access to Professions by Foreign-trained Professionals	Brigid Elmy, JVS
3:40- 4:00	Wrap-Up/Evaluation	Agnes Manasan, ISAP Coordinator

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Catholic Community Services of York Region

Office of the Philippine Labour Representative

In partnership with:
Bukas Loob sa Diyos (BLD) Covenant Community

*This workshop is free of charge.
Childcare is available.
Free lunch.*

Sample Teens Workshop

23rd NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION PROGRAM For Filipino Immigrants, Contract Workers & their Dependents

Saturday, May 20, 2006, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
St. Thomas Moore Church, 1 Dormington Drive, Scarborough, M1G 3M9

TEENS WORKSHOP

Morning Session

8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:10*	Welcome Remarks	
9:10 - 9:30 *	Introduction & Agenda	CCSYR
9:30- 10:10*	Access to Education & Training	Lolita Bruneau, YCDSB
10:10- 10:50*	Common Scams, Organized Crime & How the Police can Help You	P.C. Doug Ord, Toronto Police
10:50 – 11:30*	Criminal Justice System	Atty. Bayani Abesamis
11:30 – 12:00	Managing Change & Transitions	Albert Quirante
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	

Afternoon Session

1:00 – 2:30	cont... Managing Change & Transitions	
2:30 – 3:30	Diversity	Joel Licuanan
3:30 – 4:00*	Wrap-Up/Evaluation	

Moderator of Teens session:

* Joint session with the Adult group.



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Unique Attributes of a Successful Orientation Program

- In first language
- Relevant topics that address needs of newcomers
- Involve whole family (adult workshop & Teen workshop)
- Speakers who offer follow-up
- Additional services during workshop
- Serve food that is familiar
- Child minding
- Utilize volunteers /Community mobilization
- Work with agency partners
- Follow-up participants (support groups)



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Thank you!!!